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FOR AMBASSADOR

SUBJECT: TURKISH INTEREST IN HIGH- LEVEL MEETING ON MAP AND
TURKISH SECURITY NEEDS

REF: ANKARA 1873

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT THERE IS LITTLE NEW WHICH WE
WOULD BE ABLE TELL TURKS IN A HIGH- LEVEL MEETING ON
SECURITY ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME WHICH HAS NOT ALREADY
BEEN CONVEYED IN HANDLEY- BAYULKEN CONVERSATION OF
JANUARY 31 AND SISCO- ESENBEL MEETING FEBRUARY 8. UNDER
CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH A MEETING WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE
AND MIGHT, IN VIEW OUR INABILITY RESPOND POSITIVELY TO
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TURK REQUESTS, CAST A PALL ON OUR RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR THEREFORE AUTHORIZED MAKE APPROACH TO FONMIN BAYULKEN OUTLINED PARA 12 REFTEL.

2. IN YOUR CONVERSATION WITH BAYULKEN YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ADMINISTRATION INTENDS SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR INCREASED SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEVELS IN FY 74 INCLUDING A GRANT COMPONENT FOR TURKEY APPROXIMATING " HISTORIC LEVELS." IN ABSENCE ACTION BY CONGRESS ON ADMINISTRATION REQUEST, THERE IS LITTLE THAT WE COULD TELL A TURKISH DELEGATION COMING TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, BY TIME NPG MEETING IN ANKARA IN MAY WE WILL HAVE MADE OUR PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS AND MAY HAVE SOME INDICATION CONGRESSIONAL REACTION, ALTHOUGH WE CAN BY NO MEANS PROMISE THIS. AT THAT TIME SECDEF RICHARDSON WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH GOT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ANY NEW INFORMATION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEVELS. WE WOULD OF COURSE WANT TO KNOW BEFOREHAND QUESTIONS TURKS INTEND RAISE.

3. SISCO WILL FOLLOW SAME LINE IN REPLYING TO ESENBEL' S DEMARCHE REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR FONMIN VISIT AS WILL OTHER DEPT AND DOD OFFICIALS DURING SANCAR VISIT IN LATE MARCH.

4. WE ALSO COOL TO TECHNICAL- LEVEL DELEGATIONS' COMING TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE JUSMMAT IS FULLY QUALIFIED TO HANDLE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, BUT IF BAYULKEN PUSHES MATTER YOU AUTHORIZED OFFER TENTATIVE AGREEMENT. YOU SHOULD MAKE POINT, HOWEVER, THAT TO MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVENESS SUCH A VISIT AGENDA SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY WORKED OUT AHEAD OF TIME. ROGERS

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